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REPORT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

July 1, 2003 – Most Recent

The following provides disciplinary terminology definitions, enforcement actions beginning July 1, 2003 up to the present, and a disclaimer statement. Actions taken prior to July 1, 2003 are provided with the individual license records of optometrists. Those records are accessible through the [Search for a Licensed California Optometrist](#) link.

DISCIPLINARY TERMS DEFINED

- Revocation, or revoked - The license or registration is cancelled and the right to practice is ended.
- Suspension - The licensee or registrant is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.
- Stayed - The revocation or suspension is postponed, and the licensee or registrant is put on probation.
- Probation - The licensee or registrant may continue to practice under specific terms and conditions.
- Voluntary Surrender / Surrender of License - The licensee or registrant turns in the license or registration while charges are still pending. The right to practice is ended.
- Effective Decision Date - The date the disciplinary action goes into operation.
- Public Reprimand - The licensee or registrant is issued a letter of reprimand resulting from a disciplinary action or pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 495.
- Writ of Mandate - The respondent has appealed the Board's Decision to the Superior Court.
- Stay - The Board or Court has ordered the Board's Decision to not be enforced pending further action.
- Citation & Fine – The licensee has committed a violation that did not endanger health, safety, or welfare of the public. Considered a formal disciplinary action.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN

Bozner, Richard Paul (Riverside).

Effective August 9, 2004, Dr. Bozner received a public reproof of his Certificate of Registration No. 7140. The accusation alleged unprofessional conduct, a violation of Business and Professions Code section 3126.

Cabrera, Christopher Rigney (San Jose)

Dr. Cabrera (OPT 5826) was issued a citation on June 29, 2004 and assessed an administrative fine of \$5,000 for an illegal business relationship with a registered dispensing optician and unprofessional conduct, which are violations of Business and Professions Code sections 655 and 3090.

Carcamo, Aristides (San Francisco)

The Board granted the Petition for Reinstatement of Dr. Carcamo's Certificate of Registration No. 8144. Dr. Carcamo was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions effective July 24, 2003.

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Chan, Wyman Gene (Stockton)

Effective July 14, 2003, Dr. Chan stipulated to a stayed revocation with a 15-day suspension of his Certificate of Registration No. 5017. The accusation alleged unprofessional conduct and failure to refer a patient to the appropriate physician and surgeon; violation of Business and Professions Code section 3090 and 3109. Dr. Chan was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions.

Connole, Jack Paul (Newport Beach)

Effective July 14, 2003, Dr. Connole's Certificate of Registration No. 4490 was revoked for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of his probation from a previous disciplinary action.

Danielson, Richard L. (Whittier)

Dr. Danielson (OPT 5257) was issued a citation on January 5, 2005 and assessed administrative fines of \$2,052 for an illegal business relationship with a registered dispensing optician, unprofessional conduct, and practicing under a false or assumed name. Violations of Business and Professions Code sections 655, 3090, and 3125.

Fukushima, Clifford Akio (Visalia)

Dr. Fukushima (OPT 6441) was issued a citation on December 17, 2004 and assessed administrative fines of \$1,001 for providing a spectacle prescription that was valid for less than two years, practicing as a corporation without a valid corporate certificate issued by the board, and professional inefficiency. Violations of Business and Professions Code sections 2541.1, 3160, and 3166 and California Code of Regulations section 1510.

Haegerstrom-Portnoy, Gunilla (Berkeley)

Effective December 14, 2003, Dr. Haegerstrom-Portnoy stipulated to a stayed revocation of her Certificate of Registration No. 5682. The accusation alleged unprofessional conduct and failure to refer a patient to an appropriate physician and surgeon, a violation of Business and Professions Code sections 3090 and 3109. Dr. Haegerstrom-Portnoy was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions.

Hoek, Allen Dirk (Ripon)

Dr. Hoek (OPT 8741) was issued a citation on July 22, 2004 and assessed administrative fines of \$2,500 for failing to promptly refer a patient upon request, a violation of Business and Professions Code section 3090.

Kepford, Keith Lee (San Bernardino)

Effective August 20, 2003, Dr. Kepford stipulated to a stayed revocation of his Certificate of Registration No. 5888. The accusation alleged unprofessional conduct, obtaining a fee by fraud or misrepresentation, employment by a non-optometrist, providing deceptive statements to the public, permitting the use of his license by another person, and use of a false or assumed name; violation of Business and Professions Code sections 3090, 3101, 3103, 3104, 3106, and 3125. Dr. Kepford was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions.

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Le, John Loc (Rowland Heights)

Effective July 14, 2003, Dr. Le's Certificate of Registration No. 10115 was revoked for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of his probation from a previous disciplinary action.

Liberman, Gary Lee (Vallejo)

Effective August 20, 2003, Dr. Liberman stipulated to a stayed revocation with a 14 day suspension of his Certificate of Registration No. 4976. The accusation alleged unprofessional conduct, a violation of Business and Professions Code section 3090. Dr. Liberman was placed on probation for five years with various terms and conditions.

Louie, Donald Earl (Fremont)

Effective October 8, 2003, Dr. Louie stipulated to a stayed revocation of his Certificate of Registration No. 4729. The accusation alleged unprofessional conduct and failure to refer a patient to the appropriate physician and surgeon; violation of Business and Professions Code sections 3090 and 3109. Dr. Louie was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions.

Mann, Stuart Mark (San Mateo)

Effective October 8, 2003, Dr. Mann stipulated to a stayed revocation of his Certificate of Registration No. 5737. The accusation alleged failure to pay assessed fines for unlawful use of a false or assumed name, which is a violation of Business and Professions Code Section 3125. Dr. Mann was placed on five years probation with the condition that he adhere to the Board's prescribed fine payment schedule.

McCoy, Bert L. (Laguna Hills)

Effective September 10, 2004, the board ordered a stayed revocation of Dr. McCoy's Certificate of Registration No. 4766. The accusation alleged gross ignorance, professional inefficiency, and unprofessional conduct, which is a violation of Business and Professions Code section 3090. Dr. McCoy was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions.

Meghdadi, Pantea (Brea)

Effective March 23, 2004, Dr. Meghdadi stipulated to a stayed revocation of her Certificate of Registration No. 12524. The statement of issues alleged commission of an act of dishonesty with the intent to benefit herself or others, which is a violation of Business and Profession Code Section 480(a)(2) and 480 (a)(3). Dr. Meghdadi was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions.

Mitchell, James Harold (Sacramento)

The Board granted the Petition for Reinstatement of Dr. Mitchell's Certificate of Registration No. 5093. Dr. Mitchell was placed on 5 years probation with various terms and conditions effective January 27, 2004.

Rosenstein, Jerry (Encinitas)

Effective February 16, 2004, Dr. Rosenstein stipulated to a stayed revocation of his Certificate of Registration No. 6336. The accusation alleged unprofessional conduct, a violation of Business and Professions Code section 3101. Dr. Rosenstein was placed on probation for three years with various terms and conditions.

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Salazar, Maria (Los Angeles)

Ms. Salazar was issued a citation on March 11, 2003 and assessed administrative fines of \$2,500 for practicing optometry without a license. A violation of Business and Professions Code section 3127.

Sinow, Jack Harold (San Francisco)

Dr. Sinow (OPT 5463) was issued a citation on December 17, 2004 and assessed administrative fines of \$3,001 for failure to notify the board of practice location and posting his certificate of registration, unprofessional conduct, and failure to notify the board of his intent to practice optometry at a location, and post his certificate of registration at that location. These acts are violations of Business and Professions Code sections 3070, 3075, and 3090, and California Code of Regulations section 1505 and 1506.

Skolnik, Marshall Richard (San Diego)

Effective September 10, 2004, the board ordered a stayed revocation of Dr. Skolnik's Certificate of Registration No. 4857. The accusation alleged alteration and the use of an altered certificate of registration, and false representation of facts, which are violations of Business and Professions Code sections 3090, 3096.6, 3123, and 3124. Dr. Skolnik was placed on probation for two years with various terms and conditions.

Thornton, Larry Franklin (Los Angeles)

Effective July 14, 2003, Dr. Thornton's Certificate of Registration No. 6369 was revoked by default for unprofessional conduct resulting from a disciplinary action in another state; violation of Business and Professions Code sections 141 and 3090.

Weiss, Howard Joel (Granada Hills)

Effective October 8, 2003, Dr. Weiss stipulated to a stayed revocation with a 30 day suspension of his Certificate of Registration No. 5968. The accusation alleged conviction of a crime substantially related to the profession, practicing medicine without a license, and unprofessional conduct, violations of Business and Professions Code sections 490, 2052, and 3090 and Health and Safety Code sections 11150, 11152, 11153, and 11173. Dr. Weiss was placed on probation for five years with various terms and conditions.

Wong, King Yue (Santa Monica)

Dr. Wong (OPT 12461) was issued a citation on March 11, 2004 and assessed administrative fines of \$7,000 for an illegal business relationship with a registered dispensing optician, unprofessional conduct, and accepting employment from an unauthorized person. Violations of Business and Professions Code sections 655, 3090, and 3103.

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